



NEWS FROM Congressman John Kline

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Congressman Kline Returns to Washington to Demand Action on American Energy

Congress should address America's energy crisis

BURNSVILLE – Congressman John Kline returned to Washington tonight to demand Speaker Nancy Pelosi call Congress back so they can vote on comprehensive energy legislation that will help America become more energy independent.

Last Thursday, Congressman Kline delivered a speech to the U.S. House of Representatives and called on Congress to remain in session until it addresses America's energy crisis. A day later, House Democrats adopted an adjournment resolution, and Congress is not scheduled to resume legislative business until after Labor Day. "Congress should not adjourn for five weeks of vacation and politics without dealing with the number one issue on the minds of American people – high energy prices," Kline said.

Following adjournment Friday, House Republicans took to the House floor to protest the fact that Congress was taking a five-week vacation without presenting energy solutions. After a series of public events in Minnesota this weekend, Congressman Kline is returning to Washington to join his Republican colleagues in their protest when the Capitol opens its doors Monday.

"We should not be on a five-week paid vacation when Americans are pumping their paychecks into the gas pumps," Congressman Kline said. "We are going to continue to insist that House Democrat Leadership bring Congress back so we can find a meaningful solution that includes domestic drilling to help Americans deal with rising gas and energy prices."

Congressman Kline has been supporting legislation that increases production of more American-made energy, improves energy efficiency, and encourages greater reliance on alternative and renewable energy technologies. Throughout the summer, Congressman Kline has been visiting and touring energy production facilities in Minnesota's 2nd District that highlight a variety of new, clean, and reliable sources of energy. He has visited a hydropower plant on the Mississippi River in Hastings, a nuclear power plant in Welch, an energy-from-waste facility in Red Wing, an oil refinery in Rosemount, a wind turbine in Northfield, and an electric generating facility in Faribault.

He has visited all of those energy producers to learn more and illustrate that America needs an "all of the above" energy plan, and it needs to be enacted now. To learn more about the "American Energy Act," and other energy legislation Congressman Kline supports, please visit his website at <http://kline.house.gov>

In his third term in Congress, Congressman Kline is a member of the House Ethics Committee, the Education and Labor Committee, and the Armed Services Committee.

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